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SUBJ: UNOFFICIAL FRENCH REQUEST FOR US ASSISTANCE
DURING PRESIDENT'S VISIT RE FRENCH CITIZEN CHRISTIAN
MAAS DETENTION IN NIGERIA

1. AMBASSADOR CHAYET, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENTIONS AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS, RAISED "UNOFFICIALLY" WITH CONGEN ON MARCH 29 DURING LATTER'S ROUTINE CALL SUBJECT OF CAPTIVITY OF CHRISTIAN MAAS IN NIGERIA NEAR LAKE CHAD. MAAS, WHO WAS TAKEN CAPTIVE APPARENTLY BY CHADIAN REBELS NEAR THE LAKE WAS RECENT SUBJECT OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD AND NIGERIAN PRESIDENT OBASANJO DURING FORMER'S VISIT TO NIGERIA LAST MONTH.

2. CHAYET STATED THAT MAAS' FATHER HAD CALLED HIM THAT MORNING ASKING IF GOF WOULD CONSIDER RAISING HIS SON'S CAPTIVITY WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S PARTY DURING VISIT TO NIGERIA. FATHER REALIZED, AND CHAYET UNDERSCORED, PRESIDENT CARTER'S CONCERN WITH MANY MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS DURING HIS NIGERIAN TRIP BUT GIVEN PRESIDENT'S PARTICULAR CONCERN WITH
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HUMAN RIGHTS MAAS' FATHER HOPED THAT USG MIGHT MAKE PASSING REFERENCE TO ITS CONCERN OVER MAAS' FATE. DEPARTMENT MAY BE AWARE THAT NIGERIAN PRESIDENT GAVE DE GUIRINGAUD ASSURANCES THAT MAAS WOULD MOST LIKELY EVENTUALLY BE RELEASED AND THAT PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL CONCERN REFLECTED HIS ASSOCIATION WITH TRIBAL AREA IN NIGERIA WHERE MAAS HAD BEEN ABDUCTED AND WAS

BEING HELD.

3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO CONSIDER FAVORABLY THIS
FRENCH "UNOFFICIAL" REQUEST IN TERMS OF SOME MEMBER
OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S PARTY RAISING THIS WITH
NIGERIANS IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE. FRENCH WOULD
CERTAINLY APPRECIATE ANYTHING WE CAN DO IN THIS
MATTER.
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